

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 3 Week 6

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

As I write this I am sitting in my office on a beautiful spring morning, I can't hear the birds singing but I'm sure that they are.

Summer sport is just around the corner and we will be introducing a new procedure this term: A code of conduct for players, coaches and parents. In most schools this is common practice but it enables us all, no matter our role, to focus on the image that we portray to our children, of how to behave in sporting situations.

I believe that expectations change as children develop. My expectations of and interactions with Emily (my seven year old daughter) who has just started playing football and hockey, is very different from how I work with my Year Ten son's cricket team. But one golden rule I feel is 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you'.

It is only a fortnight until the next round of interviews, please ensure that you follow the instructions included in this newsletter and come along to find out the progress that your child is making.

Our P.T.A. a group of highly motivated and capable parents are moving into top gear in preparation for our upcoming school fair. Over the next month you will be asked to support the fair in a number of small but important ways. Please remember that the money made from our school fair is primarily the reason that we are the well resourced school that we are and that our school fair is a social highlight not just for our school but for the greater community.

**Have a great week,
Mike Brosnahan**

Mufti Day

Thank you for all your contributions to our Mufti Day for the Taieri Food Bank.

The senior children delivered eight boxes of groceries and \$60, which was really appreciated by the staff at the food bank.



Catholic School Music Festival last week at the Regent Theatre



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners

**Parent Teacher Interviews -
21st and 22nd September**

We are now set-up to enable booking for your parent interviews online, this is very easy and gives you control over the times available.

The site is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

You will be asked for the event code: **LF3PY**

This takes you to St Mary's, Mosgiel Parent-Teacher interviews.

Step 1: Enter Your Details (name etc)
Step 2: Choose Your Child's Room/Teacher
Step 3: Choose Your Times, just click on the time you want.

You are finished unless you wish to cancel or re-schedule. If you entered your email address it will send a confirmation email, (you may need to check your junk folder for this email).

If you do not have access to a computer you are welcome to use the classroom computers before or after school, and teachers can help you if required.

A thought for the week...

Joy is the holy fire that keeps our purpose warm and our intelligence aglow. Work without joy is nothing.
-Helen Keller.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the O'Brien family on the birth on their son and brother called Luke Phillip.



Altar Servers Sunday 11th September
Sinead & Josh Illingworth, & Michaela Sutherland.

Stars on Stage DVD—Last Chance to Order - The official DVD costs \$20.
Orders and money to the school office by **this Friday 9th September.**

Looking Ahead Term 3

September

8th Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
9th Room 6 Assembly, 2.20pm Hall
15th School Cross Country 1pm
21/22 Parent Teacher Interviews
28th Public Speaking Competition
29th School Photos
30th Room 5 Assembly, 2.20pm, Hall

October

7th End of Term
25th Senior Camp

PTA News ...

School Fair 6th November

White Elephant—Elegant Junk!

The White Elephant room in the hall is ready and waiting to be filled. Please don't leave it too late to do your spring clean as we have the school holidays just before the fair.

- Books: both children's and adults; Kitchen Items, Clothes, Toys, Puzzles and Games, Sports Gear all sell really well.

Please drop off donations to the foyer by the school office or see Pauline in the office for a key to deliver into the hall.

Craft Stall

We are also having a craft stall this year, so if anyone would like to make some crafty things ie knitting, sewing, jewellery, home made cards, painted stones etc, we would be grateful for these items.

Plant Stall

A big thank you to Elsie Middleton who has looked after this stall for the past four years! She has done a wonderful job and contributed a lot to the fair. We need a plant stall convenor for 2011, if you are interested contact Jacqui Dodson 489-1264. Also remember to start potting up bits and pieces so the plants will be ready for the fair.

Mufti Days

We have a couple more mufti days coming up before the Fair. We will be asking each family to bring along two grocery items, plus a tombola item worth about \$5. More details will follow.



Please support St Mary's School On-line fundraiser by Visiting www.kaboodlebags.co.nz. Simply click on Support Fundraiser and then choose St Mary's School Mosgiel, from the drop down list.

Kaboodle make hardwearing swimming bags that would be great for the school swimming lessons or the summer months ahead. A sample swim bag is available to view at the school office.

This fundraiser will run until 6th December (Term 4) so there is plenty of time to tell family and friends. Check out their other products too, every purchase helps our school.

2012 Term Dates

Term 1	31st January—5th April
Term 2	23rd April—29th June
Term 3	16th July—28th September
Term 4	15th October—TBA

Netball Skirts

Could all skirts please be returned to your child's class teacher, CLEAN (**please follow the washing instructions carefully**) and pressed, ready for next year. Thank you.